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FOR D RUTHERFORD POATS FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O.11652: GDS

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- 1. REFERRING TO OUR TELECON OF SEPTEMBER 2, WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST YOU PUT IN OUR HANDS BY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, MATERIAL ON IFAD YOU WANT ME TO DISCUSS WITH THE SHAH. EMBASSY WILL BE OPEN SUNDAY. ALSO IT LIKELY I WILL BE SEEING SHAH ON MONDAY WHEN SENATOR BIRCH BAYH HAS AN AUDIENCE. I CAN PROBABLY STAY BEHIND AFTERWARDS FOR PRIVATE TALK WITH SHAH.
- 2. NEW SUBJECT: LEARNED THURSDAY EVENING FROM MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND OPEC REP AMOUZEGAR THAT ON AUGUST 25 HE HAD MET IN JIDDA WITH SAUDI YAMANI, ALGERIAN ABDESSELAM, AND VENEZUELAN PEREZ GUERRERO. ACCORDING TO AMOUZEGAR THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO ATTEMPT TO FIND A FORMULA FOR BREAKING THE DEADLOCK OVER THE DEBT RELIEF QUESTION BEFORE THE CIEC RECONVENES ON SEPT. 13. AMOUZEGAR TAKES CREDIT FOR PERSUADING THE OTHERS THAT CONFRONTATION ON THIS ISSUE WAS BOUND TO BE A LOSER AND THAT IT WOULD BE FAR BETTER IF THE FOUR OF THEM COULD AGREE ON AN APPROACH WHICH EN-VISAGED NOTHING MORE THAN NEGOTIATION BY THE INDIVIDUAL HURTING DEBTOR COUNTRY WITH ITS CREDITORS OVER THE TERMS OF THE NEXT INSTALLMENT IN ITS DEBT PAYMENTS: DELAY, ROLL-OVER, WHATEVER COULD BE WORKED OUT. AMOUZEGAR CLAIMS THAT THE FOUR FINALLY BOUGHT THIS PROPOSAL AFTER MUCH KICKING AND ARGUING. (FYI: IT MAY AMUSE YOU TO KNOW THAT AMOUZEGAR FINALLY GOT SHAIKH CONFIDENTIAL

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ZAKI OVER ON HIS SIDE BY POINTING OUT THAT IF MSA COUNTRIES COULD

GET OUT OF THEIR DEBTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS, WHAT WOULD STOP ALL OF THE SAUDI BORROWERS FROM ASKING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THE 9 BILLION DOLLARS IN SAUDI CREDITS NOW OUTSTANDING).

3. PLEASE PASS THE SENSE OF THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE TO ANY POSTS YOU BELIEVE WOULD BE INTERESTED. HELMS

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